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PRESENCE IN CUBA OF SOVIET ARMS EXPORT CHIEF

Information has become available that during the first week of August the Embassy in Havana received visa requests from two officials of the Soviet Chief Engineering Directorate (CED) of the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations, the Soviet organization responsible for export of military equipment. The two officials--Deputy Chairman of the CED

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M. A. Sergsychik and Yastrebov, an individual who has been associated since 1956 with the loading of arms cargo for Indonesia and the Middle East--applied for visas to pass through the ~~area~~ enroute to Moscow from Havana. This is the first indication that CED officials have been to Cuba. However, the head of the Czech arms experts organization is known to have been in Cuba in early June.

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